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SUBJ: RESUMPTION OF JAPAN- PRC TALKS ON OIL

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1. FOUR MAN JAPANESE DELEGATION RESUMED TALKS IN PEKING MARCH 30 ON POSSIBLE PURCHASE BY JAPAN OF CHINESE OIL. DELEGATION HEADED BY ICHIKO KIMURA, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANY, WHICH WAS FORMED ESPECIALLY TO IMPORT CHINESE OIL. (KIMURA IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF KANSAI CHAPTER OF PRO- CHINESE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.) DEL ALSO INCLUDED ONE OFFICIAL OF IDEMITSU OIL CO.

2. ACCORDING KAZUMI SUZUKI, MANAGER OF OVERSEAS PURCHASING DEPARTMENT OF IDEMITSU OIL CO., TALKS WITH CHINESE WILL NOT BEGIN FROM POINT THEY WERE BROKEN OFF IN FEBRUARY BUT WILL HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO START FROM SCRATCH. CHINESE HAD INFORMED JAPANESE PRIOR TO CURRENT TALKS THAT PREVIOUS OFFER OF ONE MILLION TONS OF OIL HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN. SUZUKI ALSO EXPECTED THAT CHINESE WOULD ESCALATE PREVIOUS PRICE DEMANDS, SINCE PRICE OF COMPARABLE LOW SULFUR OIL FROM INDOESIA (MINAS CRUDE) HAD RISEN TO \$3.73 PER BAREL COMPARED TO \$3.80 CHINESE WERE ASKING WHEN TALKS SUSPENDED (SEE REFTEL). IDEMITSU, HE SAID, STILL UNWILLING PAY MORE THAN MINAS PRICE

FOR CHINESE OIL.

3. SUZUKI NOTED THAT PREVIOUS TALKS WITH CHINESE ON OIL HAD LASTED TWO MONTHS AND SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT TALKS WOULD BE ANY SHORTER THIS TIME.
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